Appendix 8
Staff Qualifications for Mental Health
Crisis Intervention Billing Levels

Wisconsin Medicaid defines four billing levels for crisis intervention staff. The following crosswalk identifies at which level crisis intervention agencies must bill for staff services. Staff qualifications are based on program staff definitions in HFS 34.21 (3) (b) 1-19, Wis. Admin. Code.

Crosswalk Between Medicaid Billing Levels and Staff Specialties	
Medicaid Billing Level	**Staff Specialty**
MD	Psychiatrists Psychiatric residents
Ph.D.	Psychologists
MS/RN	Certified independent clinical social workers Certified social workers Master's-level clinicians Occupational therapists Post-master's-level clinician interns Professional counselors and marriage and family therapists Psychiatric nurses Psychology residents Registered nurses
Other	Certified occupational therapy assistants Clinical students Licensed practical nurses Mental health technicians Other qualified mental health professionals Physician assistants Specialists in specific areas of therapeutic assistance

These groupings are for the purpose of determining billing levels only. The clinical responsibility and authority of staff at various levels is dictated by HFS 34, Wis. Admin. Code, and Wisconsin Medicaid policies as outlined in the crisis intervention handbook.

Example: Although you bill psychiatric resident services at the same level as a psychiatrist's services, the resident may not approve services by signing off on the response plan or crisis plan. According to HFS 34.23 (5) (b) and (7) (d), Wis. Admin. Code, and Medicaid policies only a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist who is listed or eligible to be listed in the national register of healthcare providers in psychology may approve services.

Example: Although you bill registered nurse services at the same level as master's-level social worker services, the registered nurse does not have the authority to supervise staff that is given to providers meeting the qualifications of HFS 34.21 (3) (b) 1. to 8., Wis. Admin. Code.